Grant of Leave to Amildars and Deputy Amildars.

READ—

Letter No. C. 854—30-31, dated 29—30th August 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending for reasons given that the Sub-Division Officers might be empowered to grant casual leave and Deputy Commissioners to grant privilege leave up to one month to Amildars and Deputy Amildars.

ORDER NO. R. 2512-21—L. R. 143-30-2, DATED 29TH OCTOBER 1930.

At present, casual leave to Amildars and Deputy Amildars is being granted by Deputy Commissioners and privilege leave by the Revenue Commissioner. It is reported that the present practice is causing considerable inconvenience to these officers and that orders sanctioning the leave are received long after the necessity therefor has ceased to exist. A resolution was also passed at the recent Conference of Amildars to the effect that the Sub-Division Officers might be empowered to grant casual leave to these officers and Deputy Commissioners to grant privilege leave up to one month. The Deputy Commissioners who were present at the conference are also reported to be agreeable to the proposal. Agreeing with the Deputy Commissioners, the Revenue Commissioner recommends that the Sub-Division Officers might be empowered to sanction casual leave to Amildars and Deputy Amildars and Deputy Commissioners to grant privilege leave to these officers up to a limit of one month in cases where no separate acting arrangements are required, local arrangements being made by placing the Taluk Sheristedars in charge of the current duties of these officers under Article 59 of the Mysore Service Regulations. In t. se circumstances, Government are pleased to approve of the Revenue Commission' recommendation.

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Drilling Equipment.

READ—

Letter No. L. 3866-73—V. P. 49-29-6, dated 30th November 1929, from the General Secretary to Government, to the Presidents of District Boards, enquiring whether they are willing to equip themselves with well boring sets capable of boring wells up to a depth of 100 or 150 feet for use in the Districts.

2. Government Order No. D. 10729-47—I. & C. 408-28-18, dated 28th March 1930, sanctioning revised arrangements for a period of two years for putting down bore-holes for Local Bodies by the Department of Industries and Commerce with a view to solving the problem of the supply of drinking water in towns and villages.

3. Letter No. G. C. 449 of 29-30, dated 3rd April 1930, from the President, District Board, Tumkur District, stating that the subject was placed before the District Board on 15th March 1930 and forwarding for the information of Government a copy of tha Board's resolution to the effect that they were prepared to purchase a well boring set on co ndition that Government were agreeable to bear half the cost thereof, the other half being met by the Board.

ORDER NO. D. 4006-24—I. & C. 99-30-2, DATED 17TH OCTOBER 1930.

Under the revised rules sanctioned by Government in their order of the 28th March 1930 read above, it has been laid down that the cost of putting down bore-holes, including the transport of drills and incidental charges, will be shared both by Government and the Local Body concerned, the Local Body being required to bear two-thirds of the cost, the balance being met by Government in case where a bore-hole was successful and in other cases the cost being met in equal proportions by the Government and the Local Bodies. It is also further stated that the Department of Industries and Commerce will supply free of cost the drills required and will also bear the cost of repairing them as well as the cost of the supervising staff. Government consider that the above and other concessions given to District Boards and other Local Bodies in the Government Order of 28th March 1930, are sufficiently liberal for being taken advantage of by them.

As, however, the number of drills available with the Department of Industries and Commerce is not sufficient to meet the demand which has been insistent from all over the State, Government consider it desirable that the District Boards should purchase and own their own drills. As a measure of encouragement and in view of the importance of the question of the supply of drinking water in rural parts, Government will be prepared to sanction the grant of a subvention of half the cost of the drilling equipment to such of the Local Bodies as are prepared to purchase their own drills, in addition to the other concessions afforded to them in the Government Order in question. Government trust that the Local Bodies will largely avail themselves of the liberal concessions now offered.

The Director of Industries and Commerce is requested to ascertain how many Local Bodies may be expected to avail themselves of the concessions now sanctioned during the current year and the probable additional grant that will be required during the current year to meet the Government share of the cost of the equipments to be supplied.

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